

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING "ALTERNATIVE FUEL CONSULTANT" TO BE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq., provides the method cities use to procure professional services, such as: legal, financial advisory, architectural, engineering, construction management, land surveying and such other professional services *as are defined by two-thirds (2/3) vote of city council*; and

WHEREAS, the law for the procurement of professional services requires that selection is based upon analysis of professional qualifications rather than bidding; and

WHEREAS, the City is considering the employment of professionals to function as Alternative Fuel Consultants for the City and believes the proper procedure for such employment is through the RFQ process provided by State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That **Alternative Fuel Consultant** is hereby defined to be a professional service under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq. Alternative Fuel Consultants may be used as necessary to assist the City of North Little Rock in the development of strategies to advance the City's goals with regard to conversion of its current fuel source for city fleet vehicles from gasoline/diesel fuels to Compressed Natural Gas ("CNG") with recommendations for action. Providers of said service shall have:

- Knowledge and familiarity with Compressed Natural Gas as a vehicle fuel and its development in Arkansas.
- Demonstration of established working relationships with the local natural gas industry and regulatory environment.
- Knowledge of availability of OEM vehicles and financing sources.
- Knowledge of infrastructure sources, including vehicle fueling and maintenance issues.
- Familiarity of Federal and State incentives regarding CNG as a vehicle fuel.
- Expertise in regulatory issues regarding fuel station licensing and permitting.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that the passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure the proper representation of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas in advancing its strategies and goals to convert current fuel sources for city vehicles to compressed natural gas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

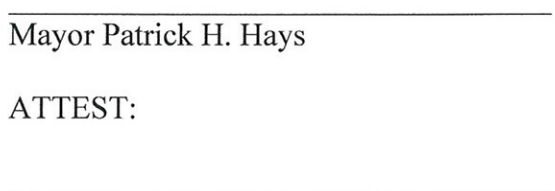
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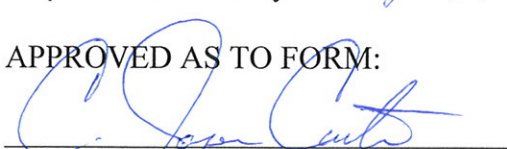
SPONSOR:

ATTEST:


Mayor Patrick H. Hays


Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

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BY City Atty - Cardor

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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